

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 19 with the following paragraph:

It is an object of the invention to provide an improved pipe cutting apparatus, wherein support rolls are shifted and locked with a single drive and/or control, regardless of a pipe diameter, against the pipe surface for cutting support. This objective is achieved on the basis of characterizing features of the invention as shown and described in the following specification ~~set forth in the appended claim 1.~~  
~~A more detailed implementation for a preferred exemplary embodiment of the invention is set forth in the dependent claims.~~